69. Al-Qadir (The Capable)

"Divine capability works even through human incapability. When you recognize your own powerlessness, you make room for Allah's power to manifest."

- Abu al-Abbas al-Mursi (1219-1286 CE)
Source: Recorded in Ibn Ata'Allah's "Lata'if al-Minan"

Saying this Beautiful Name of Allah 100 times after offering 2 Rak'aat Salaah will cause ones enemi~s to be humbled and disgraced. Saying it 41 times before undertaking a difficult task will render it easy, Insha Allah - Al Hisnul Hasin

70. Al-Muqtadir (The Powerful)

"The power of Allah is manifested most perfectly when, by His grace, a weak servant is able to overcome his base desires."

- Al-Junayd of Baghdad (830-910 CE)
Source: Al-Sarraj's "Kitab al-Luma'"
(The Book of Flashes)

A person's tasks will be accomplished without difficulty if, on awakening, he repeats this Beautiful Name of Allah 20 times or continuously, Insha Allah - Al Hisnul Hasin

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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AL-QAADIR ﷻ, AL-MUQTADIR ﷻ (THE POWERFUL ﷻ,THE EXTREMELY POWERFUL ﷻ)

Both these names are derived from the word qudrat which refers to power. Allaah ﷻ's power is all-inclusive (which is found at every moment and every occasion). His power is a quality which is established with His Being. He ﷻ has power over all that He wishes. Nothing can render Him helpless, nor can anything He seeks elude Him. Man also has some form of power. However his power is borrowed. It has been granted to him by Allaah ﷻ as a trust. At times, he has power, whilst at other times, he is completely helpless. Allaah ﷻ is the truly powerful being, since helplessness can never overcome Him, and nothing can evade Him ﷻ.

Al-Qaadir and Al-Muqtadir ﷻ is that Being who is perfect in power. By means of His power, He ﷻhas created all things in existence, He ﷻ has planned it, He ﷻ has made it perfect and firm, and He ﷻ grants life and death. He ﷻ will resurrect His servants for recompense. He ﷻ will reward the good-doers due to their good, and punish the evil-doers due to their evil deeds. When He ﷻ desires anything, He ﷻ merely says, "Be!" and all things fall into existence. By His power, He ﷻ changes the conditions of hearts and turns it in whichever direction He ﷻ desires.

One of the many qualities which the Quraan Majeed enlightens man about is the infinite and immeasurable power of Allaah ﷻ. He ﷻ does as He ﷻ wishes. He ﷻ is not in need of any external help or means to fulfil any intention of His. Merely by His intention and decision "Be", all things fall into place.

In Surah Faatir, Allaah ﷻ states,

وَمَاكَانَ اللّٰهُ لِيُعْجِزَه مِنْ شَيْءٍ فِى السَّمٰوٰتِ وَلَا فِى الْاَرْضِ اِنَّه كَانَ عَلِيْمًا قَدِيْرًا

And Allaah ﷻ is not such that anything in the heavens and earth can render Him helpless. And He ﷻ is Most Knowledgeable, All-Powerful.

This means that even great and powerful claimants could not save themselves from the seizure of Allaah ﷻ, for example, the nations of Aad and Thamud, etc. Never mind these, no power in the heavens and earth can cause Him to be rendered powerless. His power is all-encompassing as well as His knowledge. Weakness is only found within the creation.

A study of history will reveal that many doctors and health practitioners passed away from the same sickness in which they had attained expertise and gained fame. For example, Aristotle passed away from tuberculosis, Plato passed away after being paralysed, Jaalinoos passed away from diarrhoea, and Hakeem Ajmal Khan passed away from heart attack. All of these personalities were regarded as experts and authorities in these sicknesses. Due to man's limited study and observations, he can easily blunder and fall into error, announcing his power and authority. He speaks of his future with conviction. However, by the power of Allaah ﷻ, in the form of death, man is continuously reminded of his extreme helplessness, lack of choice, and uncertain future.

Al-Qaadir ﷻ has such absolute power that He ﷻ can grant water such power which can upturn cities and countries in the blink of an eye. A few years ago, such a flood ravaged eastern Asia and the coast of Africa which, in only two or three days, changed the map of cities and countries. The power of this flood and earthquake was more powerful than ten thousand atom bombs. Approximately two hundred thousand

people were destroyed in this tsunami. Definitely, this is also the sign of the power of Al-Qaadir ﷻ.

When evil and sin exceeds the bounds, and the laws of Allaah ﷻ are openly flouted, Al-Qaadir ﷻ, who sent birds to destroy Abraha, is able to destroy hundreds of thousands of people in only three days via a tsunami.
According to His wisdom, Al-Qaadir and Al-Muqtadir ﷻ can abrogate or keep intact any command He wishes. He ﷻ can destroy any nation He wishes or keep them in existence. He ﷻ can change the effects of causes in whichever thing He desires. He ﷻ can fulfil whichever promises He wishes when the conditions are met, and He ﷻ can suspend any promise whenever conditions are not met. In short, all types of transformation, modifications, obliteration and formation, abrogation and regulation are all within His control.

A person should ponder over his internal condition. He was non-existent. Allaah ﷻ granted him existence. Thereafter, death arrives, and life is taken away. Man cannot do anything. Some people, long before death, become so senile that their senses become completely ineffectual. No strength remains in their limbs. They become completely useless. They cannot understand anything; and whatever little they understand, they cannot remember. This shows that knowledge and strength is from the treasuries of the Creator and Master. He ﷻ grants whoever how much He wishes; and whenever He ﷻ wishes, He ﷻ can take it away.